"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Have you noticed the large number of boxwoods that have dead leaves near the top of the plant? This is cold injury to the young succulant growth. Unusually high temperature and moisture this fall caused plants to continue to grow rather than harden off as they usually do.

What to do? The dead portion should be prunned out now and the plant sprayed with an anti-transpirant. The spray should be re-applied about February 1. Two trade names of anti-transpirants are Wilt-pruf and Vapor Guard.

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The National Park folks have gone all out to reproduce a 19th Century Christmas scene at the Old Court House. Last week we had an out-of-town visitor who wanted to visit the McLean House. He was particularly impressed with the Christmas tree that graces the McLean parlor.

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We'll be working with three hog producers in early January testing some of the new pesticides. The producers are: B.J. Lecado -- E. N. Harvey -- John Wilson.

We are looking for better ways of controlling hog lice and mange.

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The great issue of organics inorganically grown foods is and will probably continue to get a lot of ink. Take a look at Holland. Holland has the most concentrated use of commercial fertilizer in the world with no ill effects. The Dutch have both the highest yield of products and the highest standard of health in the world. They also have the highest birth rate, the lowest mortality rate and live span two years longer than ours.

Somehow the idea that organic food is healthier than regular food has been widely publicized, but all available evidence indicates that just the opposite is true.

Look around the lawn for signs of chickweed. Now is a good time to kill it "dead". There are two chemicals that do a real good job -- Silvex and Dicamba.

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It's not too late to get that last application of nitrogen on the lawn. A pound to a pound and a half of actual nitrogen can make a real difference in appearance. Good fertilization separates the good lawn from the ordinary.

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Now is a good time to build some cages for next summer's tomato crop. Use concrete reinforcing wire. That is 5 1/2 to 6 feet wide.

Cages will reduce labor costs. Labor requirements for trellised tomatoes is about 1200 man-hours per acre. When cages are used, there's practically no labor until harvest time and requires only one-third as many plants.

Saving On Feed Cost

Wintering beef cattle can be costly or it can be done reasonably. Pat Wilhoit, Jr. has found that cattle gleaning the aftermath of a corn field is a sure way of saving on feed cost.

This is a 15 acre field that produced 375 bushels of corn. 22 head of cattle were turned on the corn stubble in mid-November and will probably stay until mid-January.

Wise use of roughage that has no further use is good beef management.

Phone Books Are Issued

New telephone books were issued last week by Continental Telephone Company of Virginia for the Appomattox-Pamplin listing.

The new book with white cover showing a telephone dial and world globe carries the slogan, "By phone, it's a Small World." Twenty-three pages of subscribers names begin with Mrs. A. B. Abbitt of Appomattox and end with A. J. Zastrow, of Spout Spring.

A classified section also numbers 23 pages and includes a three-year calendar, "72, "73, "74 and space for numbers frequently called.

GLADSTONE

Visiting Mrs. Bea Wallace over the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lowe of Galax, Mrs. Grace Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Wallace and family all from Farmville; Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wallace and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Bryan, Barbara Jo Waddell from Appomattox; Mr. Alfred Wallace of Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace and family from Lexington, Mrs. Mammie Capell from Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. William Quin had as their guest for the holidays were Mrs. Elizabeth Cyrus of Rustburg, Miss Nellie Quin from Lynchburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farrar and family.

Mrs. John E. Childress of Roanoke is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. W. E. Akers.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ragland had all their children home for the holidays.

Miss Tamara Goosbly of Danville is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Phylis Goosbly.

Mrs. Bell Burdy is at home after spending sometime in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Visiting Mrs. Ethel Mehurie over the holidays were Mrs. Ida Mae Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. Marty Dunn from Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cyrus and Mrs. Bell Murdy had as their house guest for the holidays, Mr. Dickie Murdy and Wayne from Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watts and family.

Mr. Barry Washburn of North Carolina is spending the holidays here with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Washburn.

Mrs. Ada Stinson is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stinson of Farmville.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Stinson of Maryland visited Mr. and Mrs. Burk Smoot on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spiggle had as guest for Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Broaddus of Roanoke, Miss Darlene Bowen of Jacksonville, Florida, Miss Vivian Brown of White Plains, N. J.; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Snyder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Pillow and family, Mrs. Julia Brown, Miss Kathy Simpson of Appomattox, Vickie Moore and Robin Martin.

Rev. and Mrs. Washburn, Brent and Bill were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Eagle on Sunday night.

Gladstone Memorial Church had a candlelight service on Christmas night showing slides of Jesus Birth. It was a very

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ROCKS

Dec. 27 - Not white Christmas this time.

A number were out for the Christmas program held on Wednesday night.

The Rocks Quartet went to Bristol, Tenn. to tape and be a part in TV Program on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lee Elder of Richmond are spending Christmas here.

Rev. W. H. Elder and family spent Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. Cary Elder of Brookneal.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson and Mrs. Irma Burrell were supper guests of Mrs. Alese Cumby ~~of~~ Pamplin on Friday night.

Mrs. Walter Ranson was at Pamplin Monday morning a while. Also Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and girls in the afternoon.

Misses Lizzie and Iva Young and Mrs. Inez Gilliam of Prospect were visiting Mrs. Mattie Wilkerson at Beulah Cobbs Nursing Home in Pamplin Christmas Day.

Mrs. Strode Burks of Kingsport, Tenn. and Mrs. Thurman Wilcox of Roanoke are visiting their sister, Mrs. S. E. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and Christmas spent Sunday at Brookneal with Mr. and Mrs. Hutson Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Roach, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Roach and Darrell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and girls, Trooper and Mrs. W. R. Roach and girls and Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge were visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. L. M. Williams and Steve at Waynesboro Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Moore had some friends from Montgomery W. Va., and Lynchburg to visit them Sunday.

Rev. W. H. Elder brought a fine message Sunday night.

Black Eyed Peas Time

Don't forget black eyed peas rice, and jowls for January 1. A Southern superstition is that you must eat this the first day of the new year if you want a happy and properous new year.

Southerners who don't admit to being superstitious don't take chances when it comes to this meal on January 1st.

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True Southerners never use recipes for old favorites like jowls and peas, so we can't give you exact instructions for cooking. But here is a pretty good idea. Always worked for us.

One small package of dried black eyed peas will feed a family of five. Simply cook the hog jowls with the peas until done — approximately about one hour. Just use about the same amount of jowls that you would in using salt pork or smoked bacon in seasoning green beans.

You may, or may not want to add other seasoning (such as salt) just before the peas are tender.

Before serving, drop a penny into the peas. Whoever gets it will have extra good luck during the coming year, according to legend.

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